

much more beautiful and more prosperous city. America has never shied from a challenge. We are a nation of people who have come to these shores to work hard and to dream big. It is in our national DNA. It is what makes us great.

This weekend, I saw the incredible generosity and caring and compassion and outpouring among volunteers and military personnel and Guard personnel and medical and health professionals from all over the country—citizens helping one another, patients in adjacent gurneys helping one another, pouring out their hearts and their time and their resources. It was humbling and it was inspiring.

I am confident that together we will meet the challenges that lie ahead and emerge more prosperous and more united than ever.

Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 233) expressing the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, commending the resiliency of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and committing to stand by them in the relief and recovery efforts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) would vote "yea."

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) would have voted "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHAMBLISS). Is there any Senator in the Chamber wishing to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 221 Leg.]

YEAS—94

Akaka	Burns	Conrad
Alexander	Burr	Cornyn
Allen	Byrd	Corzine
Baucus	Cantwell	Craig
Bayh	Carper	Crapo
Bennett	Chafee	Dayton
Biden	Chambliss	DeMint
Bingaman	Clinton	DeWine
Bond	Coburn	Dodd
Boxer	Cochran	Dole
Brownback	Coleman	Domenici
Bunning	Collins	Dorgan

Durbin	Kyl	Roberts
Ensign	Lautenberg	Salazar
Enzi	Leahy	Santorum
Feingold	Levin	Sarbanes
Feinstein	Lieberman	Schumer
Frist	Lincoln	Sessions
Graham	Lott	Shelby
Grassley	Lugar	Smith
Gregg	Martinez	Snowe
Hagel	McCain	Stabenow
Harkin	McConnell	Stevens
Hatch	Mikulski	Sununu
Hutchison	Murkowski	Talent
Inhofe	Murray	Thomas
Isakson	Nelson (FL)	Thune
Jeffords	Nelson (NE)	Voinovich
Johnson	Obama	Warner
Kennedy	Pryor	Wyden
Kerry	Reed	
Kohl	Reid	

NOT VOTING—6

Allard	Landrieu	Specter
Inouye	Rockefeller	Vitter

The resolution (S. Res. 233) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 233

Whereas, on August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina reached landfall devastating the Gulf Coast states;

Whereas there has yet to be a full accounting for all our citizens whose lives were tragically lost;

Whereas the cost in human suffering is ongoing for hundreds of thousands of people who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods;

Whereas immediate humanitarian aid is still critically needed in many of the devastated regions;

Whereas the devastation on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama is catastrophic;

Whereas the City of New Orleans is tragically flooded and the surrounding communities of St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes are devastated;

Whereas every city on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is severely damaged or destroyed, including Waveland, Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Moss Point, and Pascagoula;

Whereas the States of Florida, Texas, and Georgia also sustained damage;

Whereas Coast Guard search and rescue teams, police, firefighters, the National Guard and many ordinary citizens have risked their lives to save others;

Whereas doctors, nurses, and medical personnel worked expeditiously to ensure that hospitals, medical centers, and triage units provided needed care;

Whereas the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other volunteer organizations and charities are supplying hurricane victims with food, water, and shelter;

Whereas the State of Texas and numerous other states have welcomed tens of thousands of victims from Louisiana and provided them with aid and comfort;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers has worked to reinforce levees in Louisiana; and

Whereas thousands of volunteers and government employees from across the Nation have committed time and resources to help with recovery efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina;

(2) commends the resiliency and courage of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama; and

(3) commits to provide the necessary resources and to stand by the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama in the relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts.

HONORING CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and to recognize his achievements during a lifetime of public service.

Throughout his life, William H. Rehnquist served this Nation with dignity and integrity, first in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later as an Associate and then Chief Justice on the United States Supreme Court. For 33 years, Justice Rehnquist was a fixture on the Court, and he demonstrated both a love and a respect for the institution. He led the Judicial Conference of the United States with distinction, advocating for judicial independence during this 18-year tenure as Chief Justice. And even as his health declined in recent years, Judge Rehnquist continued to lead the Court, a testament to his tenacity and character.

Although I did not always agree with his legal decisions, I have deep respect for Chief Justice Rehnquist's service to our Nation, and I join my colleagues in honoring him today.

ARMY STAFF SERGEANT JEREMY DOYLE

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave soldier who attended high school in Indianapolis and whose family resides in Martinsville. Jeremy Doyle, 24 years old, died on August 18 when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in Samarra, Iraq. With so much of his life left before him, Jeremy risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Although he did not call Martinsville home, Jeremy's impact on the town was demonstrated by the hundreds of families who lined the town's streets for 3½ miles as his funeral procession wound through downtown. At the funeral, family members remembered Jeremy as a jokester and a soldier who deeply loved his family and the U.S. military. A commander of an armored humvee, Jeremy was on his second tour of duty in Iraq having returned to Iraq after being slightly wounded last spring while he tried to deactivate an explosive. His uncle told the crowd gathered at Jeremy's funeral service: [Jeremy] will forever be my hero. I stand here today to express the same feelings of pride and gratitude for this young man's sacrifices and those made by his family on behalf of our country.

Jeremy was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, stationed at Fort Wayne, GA. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Leah McGinnis Doyle.

Today, I join Jeremy's family and friends in mourning his death. While

we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Jeremy, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Jeremy was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Jeremy will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Jeremy's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Jeremy's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jeremy Doyle in the official record of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Jeremy's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said: He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Jeremy.

ARMY SERGEANT MICHAEL SCHAFER

Mr. President, with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude I wish to honor the life of a brave soldier from Crown Point. Michael Schafer, 25 years old, died on July 25 from enemy gunfire on a quick reaction force mission in Oruzgan, Afghanistan. With so much of his life left before him, Michael risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

A generous and humorous man, Michael enlisted in the military following high school and re-enlisted 2 years ago. In joining the military, Michael continued a family tradition, as his father, Mark, served in the Navy. He was among the paratroopers who jumped into northern Iraq in March 2003 at the start of the war. Upon the completion of his time in the Army, Michael dreamed of becoming a police officer. A true believer in the cause of freedom, Michael often told his family that he

loved what he was doing. His family recounted to a local newspaper their pride in Michael and his habit of putting others before himself. I stand here today to express the same feelings of pride and gratitude for this young Hoosier's sacrifices and those made by his family on behalf of our country.

Michael was killed while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Vicenza, Italy. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Danielle, and their adopted son.

Today, I join Michael's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Michael, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF LAURA ESGUERRA ADAMS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Laura Esguerra Adams, a member of my staff who died last week after a valiant struggle against cancer. I want the Senate and the

American people to know about this extraordinary young woman who served us all so well.

Laura was my Web designer, in charge of my Senate Web site. Over the past several years, she transformed "boxer.senate.gov" from a simple, non-descript Web page to a modern, cutting-edge site that has won awards for its clean look, comprehensive content, and accessibility.

Today thousands of Californians visit this site every week to get up-to-date information, express their opinions, and obtain help from my office and Government agencies. Laura's many additions to the site included video updates from California and the Senate floor, contests for kids on Earth Day and the Fourth of July, and dozens of links to other sites providing news, information, and assistance.

Laura was not only a tremendous asset to my staff; she was also a joy to work with. She was smart, funny, and most of all big hearted. She was both tech wise and user friendly, always willing to share her knowledge and expertise. In our Los Angeles office, she organized great potluck lunches where she cooked well, ate prodigiously, and shared her eclectic taste in music of all kinds—good, bad, and strange.

A truly urban Angeleno, Laura lived in a downtown LA loft and recently led her new husband James and their wedding party on a candlelight procession through the center city.

Laura was a highly skilled and devoted public servant who believed that technology can and should add to our understanding of Government and give more people the opportunity to participate in our democracy. I deeply appreciate her service to the Senate and the people of California.

I know Members will join me in honoring the memory of Laura Esguerra Adams and sending our thoughts and prayers to her husband, family, and many dear friends.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS A. GRAU

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I congratulate Thomas A. Grau, CPCU, who is near the end of his term as the 100th president of the Nation's largest insurance association, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, IIABA. He was elected to IIABA's executive committee in September 1999, and was installed as the organization's president last October. Tom is an executive with the Cogswell Agency in Great Falls, MT.

During Tom's year as president, IIABA accomplished a number of milestone achievements. It sought—and earned—the honor of a major policy address to its members by President Bush in April. The association met its goal of having 5,000 agencies on board as members of its Trusted Choice® branding initiative, and did so 6 months